

**AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY**

**OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety. For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Cle Elum Ranger District closure area consisting of: East of the Reecer Creek Road (FS Road 3500) starting at the forest boundary (T20N, R18E, section 33), north to the Lion Rock vicinity and the intersection of Reecer Creek and Roads 124 and 125, then east along the section line described as T20N, R18E between sections 1-3 east to the forest boundary, then south along the forest boundary starting in T20N R18E, section 1 to section 36 and west along the forest boundary back to Reecer Creek Road and the point of origin per this closure description. Refer to the closure area map as shown in Exhibit A. Included in this area closure are all National Forest System (NFS) lands within T20N, R19E, section 18 along the east boundary.

This closure is effective as of August 5, 2014 and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L Balboni  
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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Background: An emergency closure order is necessary for public safety due to multiple fires in the Reecer, Robbins, Currier and Wilson Creek drainages of the Table Mountain area. It is prudent to close this area until fire is suppressed and the area is safe for public occupancy. Only Agency personnel, or those persons involved in firefighting and suppression activities or law enforcement patrols are allowed access under this permit. This closure is based on recommendations of the District Ranger, Fire personnel, and law enforcement personnel due to public safety and fire fighter safety concerns.

Intent of Closure: To provide for public safety during the time that wildfire hazards remain.

Enforcement Plan: The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger	August 5, 2014
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	August 5, 2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	August 5, 2014
Prepare news release for local Media	Public Information Officer	August 5, 2014
Install closure barriers and Enforcement	Fire Security Staff	August 5, 2014
Post area with closure order	Fire and District Staff	August 5, 2014

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Date